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REMARKS

Applicants hereby withdraw the Notice of Appeal and wish to proceed with the case on the basis of a new set of added claims 19-46. Previous claims 1-15 are canceled herein. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herein.

It is believed that the new set of claims now avoids the previous confusion with respect to certain terminology, i.e., the "superabsorbent polymer coating" which is formed on an article after an aqueous coating composition comprising a water-soluble superabsorbent polymer precursor is cured on the article.

The antecedent basis for the new claims is as follows:

<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Antecedent basis</u>
19	Granted Claim 1 US 6,380,298 Appln. No. 09/190,860 (Hereafter Granted Patent). Spec. p. 6, lines 11-19 and p. 7, 1-6 of Appln. No. 09/409,457, filed Sept 30, 1999 (Hereafter Spec.) .
20-25	Spec., p. 8, lines 1-14
26	Spec., original claim 18
27	Spec., p. 7, lines 12-15
28-32	Spec., original Claim 18
29-32	Spec., p. 12, line 6 to p. 13, line 7
33-36	Spec., p. 11, lines 6-22
37	Spec., p. 11, lines 23-24
38-39	Spec., p. 10, line 17 to p. 11, line 5
40	Spec., p. 11, lines 23-24.
41-42	Spec., p. 10, lines 6-16
43	Spec., p. 6, line 11 to p. 7, line 8.
44-46	See claims 19, 33-36, 38-39, 37, and 40.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above Remarks, or if the Examiner has any comments or suggestions to place the claims in better condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner contact applicants' agent at the number listed below.

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Applicant authorizes any fees required pertaining to this Preliminary Amendment
be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0568.

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